

Remarks

This information disclosure statement is being submitted concurrently with a request for continued prosecution under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Applicant notes that in paragraph 1 of the Office Action dated May 8, 2003 the Examiner indicated that the related patent application (Ser. No. 09/528,843) identified in the first sentence of the specification of the present patent application was deemed pertinent to the present application. However, the Examiner also indicated that the identified related application was not considered by the Examiner because it was not listed on a separate information disclosure statement.

In response, applicant hereby files this information disclosure statement which includes the related patent application Ser. No. 09/528,843, as well as the references cited during prosecution of the related application.

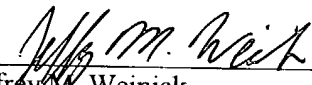
Applicant notes that related application Ser. No. 09/528,843 is assigned to a different Examiner and a different Art Unit. Applicant respectfully requests coordination between the two Examiners to ensure a thorough and complete examination of both applications in view of all relevant information.

The related application Ser. No. 09/528,843 has been allowed in accordance with a Notice of Allowance dated November 26, 2003. Applicant is concurrently filing a request for continued prosecution, an information disclosure statement, and an amendment in that application.

Applicant believes that no amendment to the specification is required in this application. While Table 1 of related application Ser. No. 09/528,843 was amended, the inventor of this application indicated that no amendment to Table 1 is necessary in the present application.

Applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance. Allowance of all pending claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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